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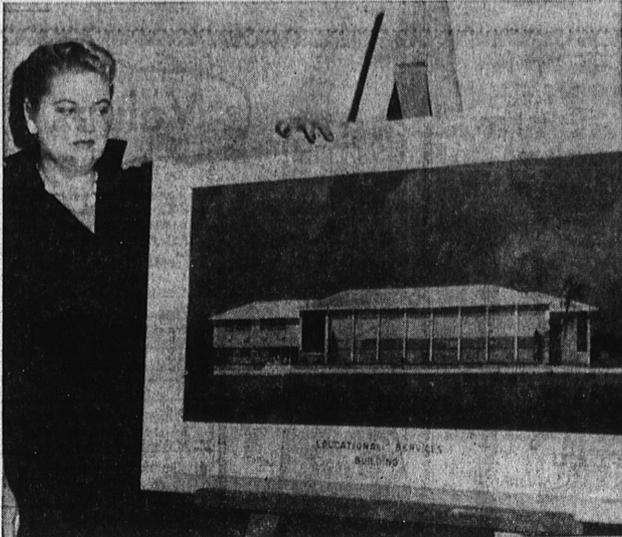
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HOW IT GROWS . . . Miss Gertrude Burbage, curriculum assistant in the Torrance Unified School District, looks at a drawing of the proposed library building which will house books and teaching materials used in classes throughout the school district. To be located across the street from Board of Education offices at 2335 Plaza del Amo, the two-story structure will cost about \$200,000. Miss Burbage, who started the district library in one room nine years ago, is amazed at the growth of the district and its facilities.



ACTIVE GIRL SCOUTS . . . Members of Girl Scout Troop 867 took time out recently to pose for a group photo. Bottom row (left to right): Barbara Wagner, Karen Struble, Julieanne McVey, and Roberta Chavez; second row (left to right): Patty Hanna, Linda Andiochea, Mary Lou Carrizosa, Linda Evans, Linda Kirkpatrick, Deanna White, Sharon Carriere, and Carol Hanna; top row (left to right): Mary Ann Miller, Lonna Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Carmen Chavez, troop leader.

National to Split Common Stock Soon

Directors of the National Supply Co. Monday authorized a two-for-one split of the company's common stock, subject to approval of stockholders at a special meeting called for Jan. 8, 1957. The firm has a major plant in Torrance.

The proposal would increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 2,500,000 to 5,000,000 and reduce the par value from \$10 to \$5 per share, with stockholders receiving two shares of the new \$5 par stock for each share of the present \$10 par stock.

Stockholders of record at the close of business Dec. 18 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. If the proposal is approved, it is expected that the stock split-up will become effective about Jan. 16, and that the new stock will be ready for distribution about Feb. 5.

At Monday's meeting National Supply's board declared a year-end dividend of \$1.12½ per share on the common stock payable Jan. 2, 1957, to stockholders of record Dec. 18. If the stockholders approve

the stock split at their meeting on Jan. 8, the board at its next dividend meeting will consider the dividend rate on the new stock.

10,000 Stockholders

The company has approximately 10,400 common stockholders owning 1,458,801 shares outstanding.

The dividend rate per share on the common stock has been increased a number of times in recent years. It was raised from 25 cents per quarter to 40 cents in 1948, to 50 cents in 1951, to 62½ cents in December, 1954, and to 75 cents in February of this year.

The company had previously announced that on Nov. 30 it will retire the remaining \$4,000,000 outstanding of its 4½ per cent, \$100 par value cumulative preferred stock. A year ago \$10,000,000 of this preferred stock was retired.

Commercial Tab Warnings

The Department of Motor Vehicles has mailed over 1,100,000 commercial truck and trailer fee statements alerting owners to renew their registrations between now and mid-night of Feb. 4, 1957.

Reminder notices to private passenger car and motorcycle owners will not be mailed until Dec. 26, Motor Vehicles Director Paul Mason reported. General renewal dates for these vehicles extend from Jan. 2 through Feb. 4, 1957.

Commercial vehicles will retain their 1956 plates. Renewal will be indicated by a reflectorized red sticker to be attached to the rear plate only.

Mason asks all applicants for renewal to fill in the right hand stub of the pre-punched fee statement with name and correct address.

Owners of commercial vehicles registered on the quarterly basis for installment payment of weight fees will not receive prepared fee statements.



HIT OF THE SHOW . . . 15-year-old Lina Gardner, 4-H Clubber, of 14 Headland Drive, Rolling Hills, displays two of the many rabbits featured in the annual show at El Camino College last week end. Scores of area rabbit producers entered their stock in the show, one of the biggest events of its kind in the area.

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Tartar Teen Talk
 By BERTA ROGAN, FR 5-6993

The Tartar Varsity cross-country team is going to the C.I.F. finals tomorrow at 2:30 at Mt. S.A.C. Jr. College. Good luck to the team, we're really proud of you.

Torrance High's Christmas formal "Crystal Dreams" will be held on Dec. 15 at the civic auditorium from 8:30 to midnight. It should really be a lot of fun, so try to include it in your week-end plans. Tickets are \$1.50 per couple.

The Tartar basketball team took third place in the Long Beach tournament for which they received a trophy. Rich Ruffel and Jerry Mathews made the all-tournament team.

Other leading Tartar players were Gene Crenshaw, Toby Venable, Mike Bertollet and Mick Babbit. The team faced Compton in the first round of the Pacific Shores tournament Wednesday at 2:30 in Mira Costa's gym. Let's have a good turnout and support the team after their good showing last week; the games last all week.

The Seniors of '56 held their class play last Friday and Saturday nights. The play was real good so everyone who went seems to think. There was a party after the Saturday night performance for the cast and their dates at Wynn Welsh's home. Everyone danced, signed programs, ate spaghetti and had a lot of fun in spite of being caked with two inches of greasy make-up.

The fall father and son Sports Award banquet will be held next Wednesday evening at 6:30. The main speaker will be Norm Verry, head football coach at El Camino College. Tickets will be available at the coaches' office in the boys' gym. Anyone may attend the banquet and I understand it should really be a lot of fun.

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